

DE A REQUEST.—Married Ladies who have purchased of me my *Printed Instructions*, and who have effectually tested them and who have found them as represented in this Pamphlet, and that they are a desirable and proper knowledge to be in the hands of every wife and female, and who feel sufficiently obliged to the Authoress for her experience in these matters, will confer a kindness and favor by sending to her the address of any of their young married friends, or those more advanced, whom they would have profit by the "*Instructions*," that she may send them this Pamphlet by return mail. It often happens, however, that I receive the same address, sent by different persons, at different intervals, twice or more times, which results in my sending this Pamphlet to such an address more than once. In such cases, will the party receiving one or more extra copies please enclose the same to some of their friends.

Fifteen Minutes Conversation with Married Ladies,

BY ONE OF THEIR NUMBER,

WHO IS PROFESSIONALLY SKILLED AND CONVERSANT WITH ALL THE PECULIAR WANTS
OF MARRIED FEMALES.

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MARRIED People—**FEMALES**—and those contemplating **MARRIAGE** will find it to their advantage to **Preserve this Pamphlet** for future reference. There are occasions in Married Life where a reference to it is very desirable.

Married people, and that class contemplating the marriage relation, desire instruction and knowledge in certain matters, pertaining to the conjugal state, which lie beyond their reach. They seldom possess the courage to consult those more experienced than themselves, and were they to, the limited answers they might receive would be productive of as much mischief as good. Besides, there are but few who possess sufficient learning and research upon the physiology of generation, the re-productive functions, and the workings of the female organs, to impart any reliable information, and those who do are invariably a class of medical persons, both male and female, who have made this a separate branch of study and a profession, and who disclose their knowledge and experience only to special students, who devote their lives to the welfare and advancement of humanity. Hence it is that the masses of people are shut up in ignorance—even against their most anxious longings—which huris them blind-foldly amid unhappiness and misery. Disease and misfortune constantly attend the marriage state by reason of this absence of proper information.

This branch of learning is more complete and thorough among the French medical faculties than with any other people, and even the common subjects, especially the ladies, of France are possessed of vastly more familiarity and acquaintance in this department of science than the medical men and doctors of the United States—who seem to practice medicine and surgery only, leaving those subjects neglected which are equally interesting and vastly important to human happiness, and which pertain to a proper and natural prevention of too frequent and burdensome conceptions, which are productive of too large families; and to the healthy and cleansing means of treating and removing obstructions in the female without injury, but to her decided improvement and comfort.

During a few years past important discoveries have been made, mostly among the French, and my extensive advantages have enabled me to derive a thorough knowledge, perfected through a long experience in practice, which, without egotism, I am bold to say qualifies me to give important and invaluable instruction in the sure prevention of Conception, and in the removal of all obstructions and irregularities, from whatever cause. My treatment of an almost innumerable number of subjects, enables me to be fully advised of the wants and desires of married people on this subject, and the information needed by them. French ladies versed in these matters have too often considered it a delicate subject, and outside their calling, to advertise as a medical adviser in these hidden and long-looked-for laws, and they have been content to "hide their light under a bushel" in spite of the many examples of human suffering constantly brought to their observation, and imploringly calling on them for a masterly knowledge of their mysterious being. But such notions of delicacy are now becoming too stale to obtain sway among the professional nurses and medical attendants from the French dispensaries, and these truths are promulgated in like manner as any medical or anatomical laws.

People are aroused and demand a proper knowledge of the laws regulating and controlling the female system. In fact, these matters are no longer to remain "professional mysteries."

and it is now no longer deemed a digression for all married people, and those contemplating marriage, to become acquainted with the laws of their being, that they may regulate the number of their children as will best adapt itself to the condition and means of the parent. This can no more be confined to a few "monopolists of knowledge" than any other class of learning. The time is not far distant when it was asserted that this science should not generally be made known to the world, on the ground that it is highly improper, but now this foolish pretext is ignored, and the "wise" conservatives of that age are learning that the mothers and young wives of this day are willing no longer to admit ignorance a virtue, and remain in confusion and error, but deem it no risk in *being wise*, in spite of all talk about the *impropriety*. I have conversed with but few people but what concede the importance of a proper diffusion of this information, and the only objection raised, if any, are that young people might take advantage of such knowledge, when without it a fear of accident would restrain them. To this class, who think they discover such danger in permitting young people to fully understand the French manner of avoiding conception and removing obstructions, and restoring to the female her *monthly period*, I will say, that very often that class of young people—who would indulge because they could in perfect safety—would besounguarded and reckless that they would, through their ungoverned passions, be quite likely to satisfy their desire at any event, running their chances on conception taking place. In advancing to the world this system of treatment—so healthy and natural to the female—the above objection has been fairly considered by the most influential and well disposed medical men, and the conclusion attained by them is, that the theory and laws which regulate the copulation of our beings should be fully known, and that there is no good reason or justice in keeping the masses shut out from healthful knowledge, merely for fear that a few ill-disposed persons may make an improper use of this knowledge. It is in fact useless to undertake to suppress these long anticipated truths, and matters of such grave importance to the welfare, enjoyment and prosperity of the marriage state, will find their way to the many in search of light, and it is far better, as long as it is impossible to confine these discoveries to the medical faculty only, to let the world have them by positive communication, than to, at times, obtain some vague and imperfect idea of its character which is more liable to harm than the *whole truth* could do, were its influences and advantages injurious.

But it is certainly conferring no compliment upon our young men and ladies to assert that their only virtue lies in a fear that sexual indulgence may bring about unpleasant results. If their integrity is founded on *fear* alone, they surely are not very safe as regards the consequences that follow cohabitation, for their *fear* would be liable to fail them in the hour of temptation, and hence it would be far better to submit to them this knowledge, if *fear* be their only virtue—that they may have no other impending doom than the shame of sexual intercourse. For my part, I think that those "would be" counselors who advance such ideas, certainly have too low and degrading an opinion of our young people, to be trusted with any care over them, and that such objections should be totally disregarded. People who entertain such unjust ideas, are usually judging the young by themselves in their past unprincipled habits, and, if not so, they are judging the *whole class* of young people by a few unfortunate victims to licentiousness, that may have fallen under their observation. The masses of young people are protected by higher and more nobler principles than *fear* of impregnation, and *fear*, be it more or less, is no reliable or successful defense to an exciting and passionate temptation.

The fallacy of this unjust charge is easily discovered, which sets aside the idea that some people have held that there is virtue in ignorance in these matters, for in reason, we are compelled to say that if young persons refrain from sexual intercourse merely through fear that conception will take place, we must concede that such intercourse is gratifying to them, and if so, why do they not indulge in very many intimacies, which would be sufficiently entertaining also, to make them sought for and in which they would recognize no accidental consequences? We certainly cannot hold that any young couple refrain from indulgence by reason of danger only, for then we must admit that they would be disposed to, and would gratify their curiosity in many practices and propensities, which to them, most evidently, would be safe. All no doubt know that such slight indulgences are not extensive, and if it be through *fear*, and *fear* only, that the young abstain from more serious association, and these are undisputably safe, why are they so unfrequent?

The fact is, *fear* has nothing to do with it, for young persons, generally speaking, possess more substantial virtue than this, and a refinement and taste for that which is pleasing to God, and harmonizing with true and chaste society, which, in all, is a strong and invincible shield against temptation and unholy desires.

Most, if not all youth know, that there is nothing hazardous in connection when care is taken in certain stages which do not materially disturb the sensations produced, and yet these habits are not at all common, when, if disastrous results and fear were the only restraining cause, these indulgences would be an every day occurrence among the young of our land. Again, if young persons are so intimate, and *fear* is the only restraining virtue, then certainly they must be very loose and free in the society of the other sex, and make it usual to converse with each other on these delicate topics, and to have free and unlimited proposals in a cordial and welcome interchange of sentiments. This certainly cannot be! for with all single classes, who are entitled to no more than a passing glance of respect, these topics and matters are not of common

conversation, and any advancement to familiarity in them in one would tend to arouse the other to a quick and decisive retort. The intimacy and heart of the subject could not be introduced, and certainly no calculations could be made of its safety. The doctrine is ridiculously absurd and fully exploded, and young people are entirely exempt from such unjust and selfish imputations at the present day. The time is at hand when virtue cannot be propped up by a plea of ignorance. Knowledge, and of one's self, is one of the highest virtues, for to understand the laws that regulate the reproductive system—when, by them we are able to produce our offspring at such periods as we may select as most suited to our ability, and of such a number as to give each of them all necessary qualifications for life; and to be able to rid ourselves of any delay in a healthy and prompt *menstruation*, without conflicting with the routine of nature's laws, is being familiar with the powers that God has given us to understand and control. This knowledge should be attained by us, and it is deploring to see how long it has been neglected. This study of our physical nature is also productive of a higher tone of sentiment respecting those powers, dispelling all vicious propensities, which hitherto have so often attended and characterized this subject. Neither can we shun the study of this branch of our nature, instituted alike by our Creator, as other members of our being, having its appropriate calling and designed for our mutual welfare and good; and it is mocking the all-wise Giver to avoid a proper understanding of these functions, as if created unnecessarily and for an improper purpose. A blush at a knowledge of them is being displeased with the Giver of all good, and ashamed of his wonderful works. There are always some who will convert knowledge to an unholy advantage, but this shall be no just cause for withholding it from others. This class have been termed "moral fanatics" and to deprive all others of knowledge, because of them, would be very unwise. It is also noticeable that those who are so fearful that information of this kind will prove injurious to the world, are never fearful of being injured by it themselves, but are always ready and willing to grasp all within their power, it mattering not what trouble they undergo, or the amount of money they have to pay, to obtain the secret. I wish merely to show the *positive fallacy* in such notions, and that when these important and interesting matters are treated as low, it is wholly through deplorable ignorance, selfishness, or a desire "to monopolize" this knowledge—but that through a thorough knowledge of these laws, parents are able to limit and regulate healthy offspring, and that this science is of a noble and honorable character—purely moral in its bearings—advancing and elevating the condition of society.

Let us next turn our attention more intimately, if the reader will please do so, to the old and imperfect system, practiced by women and medical men, of avoiding conception; and, in cases of necessity, of producing a return of the monthly flow. This treatment should receive our notice, for it is frequently discussed by those interested, and necessarily recommended by those who are unacquainted with the French manner of treating these two branches of science, which is with unlimited success, and in perfect conformity with health and nature.

The "old treatment," so called, is in very general use at the present day among those not in the possession of the French treatment, being adopted for what it is worth in the absence of better information. It consists of a variety of plans. The *onan prevention*, so called—derived from the Bible, is practiced at the present day to a very great extent. The style of this is simply to break off association just before the male *orgasm* or emission occurs, keeping the fluid from the female entirely. This is uncertain, as the semen or male principle often escapes in small amounts before the general or final emission takes place. It is also injurious both to the male and female: to the male because the emission takes place in the absence of the female organs, rendering it slow and incomplete for want of the usual pressure and suction produced by them, and of all those peculiar sensations which the connection of these organs produce over each other. Much of the semen is undischarged, and is left in the *Urethra* and *Seminal Ducts*, causing debility and irritation, which is extremely liable to become permanent, resulting in involuntary emissions and impotence. To the female, nervous exhaustion and dissatisfaction is produced, as it is important to her that the male pressure be unceasing and natural, completing in her the act of copulation, and a healthy reaction of the muscular powers. In fact, this "*onan method*" is a kind of masturbation which is ungratifying and detrimental to both sexes.

The use of *Condoms* in preventing the male semen from being deposited in the female organs is, of course, a sure preventative for conception, as well as being wholly uninjurious. It is, however, an artificial mode, and is attended with more or less expense. For, although it may be true that the great majority of people at the present day employ the use of *Condoms* as a preventative, yet the convenience and simplicity of doing, as laid down in my *Printed Instructions*, on the healthy and natural means of preventing conception, is of such utility and economy that it is wholly employed wherever it has found its way.

Condoms are of French invention, and are a thin silky or india-rubber covering or tube, made from thin soft skin, in which the male organ is enclosed; which is so adapted as not to be perceptible, and avoids the possibility of impregnation, as the male semen in no wise comes in contact with any part of the female, and yet the act of copulation is in every way perfect and unimpeded.

It is not remarkable that *Condoms* are of French invention, when we consider how prominent this people are in all such improvements and curious inventions, and how characterized, as

a nation, they are for their extravagance in dress, food and drinks, and amative indulgence; inasmuch as the males and females participate in this sort of pleasing gratification more than any other people in the civilized world.

The method of relying on certain intervals between the menstruating period, when conception can not take place, is now ineffectual as a permanent thing, inasmuch as no female is so regular but that she is liable at times to vary a few days in her menstrual functions, which could not be detected and shunned without a full understanding of the minutest laws, and a recognition of many almost technical feelings and nervous sensations, which to the masses are not understood, and are wholly unheard of. Those relying on this are almost sure to meet with some *præternatural* and *unusual menstruation*, at least, within the space of a year, which would certainly lead to accidental conception, which would then, on the whole, prove as useless to them as if they utterly disregarded the times of danger, and cohabited without the slightest care; and thus falling into the hands of such a conception, a state of pregnancy would be inevitable to them, without the knowledge of the science of at once recalling the *regular monthly flow*. It also confines this intercourse to a term of days when least desired by the female, which of course is not beneficial to her, and is also injurious to the male, because of its irregularity.

The other plans adopted are included under some of the following heads: *Solutions of various kinds and invention—Salts, Sulphate of Zinc, Chloride of Zinc and Alum, Sulphate of Iron, Sponges, Branderreads, Composition of Ananemus, Compression near and of the Scrotum, Miscellaneous Powders, Ephers, &c., &c.* all of which I am fully acquainted with, and are more or less effectual in their assigned sphere in destroying or expelling the *animalcules* or instantly removing the *embryo*. Yet it is lamentable to observe, as I have in my practice and medical observations, the misery and suffering, yea, the deplorable wretchedness caused by the use of such rashness, drugs and chemicals. Where they kill the *animalcules*, they fail only to kill the female because of her superior temperament over the *animalcule*, but they never fail to implant within her the seeds of suffering, disease, impotence, and of death. Even a simple preparation of *alum*, though generally quite ineffectual, and not to be relied upon as a preventive, will cause the female organs to so contract and pucker as to produce a permanent *congestion*, destroying, in a short time, all amateness or desire in the female for the society of the male, and resulting, in some, in *inflammation of the womb and vagina*, in others *excoriations*, while again in others, *hemorrhage*.

The manner of removing obstructions under this old practice, is by *drugging, inside and out*, and by such injurious modes as are actually degrading and dangerously severe to the existence of the system. Language can not paint the remorse that visits those who resort to such self-destruction by taking the preparations that are put up for this purpose. A general *debility*, attended with shocking and frantic *nervousness*, often seizes the victim, and drags her to a wretched and untimely grave. *Drugs (poisons)* should never be taken to produce a return of the monthly flow, nor to avoid conception. It is unnatural, and is attended with irreparable and lasting consequences.

This old system, then, is a rough and compulsory system, more after the manner of producing, at a very early time of the embryo, a *kind of an abortion*, which, of course, is injurious, and those methods resorted to, to avoid conception, being almost wholly unavailing as well as highly injurious. People being thus ignorant and deceived, impairing the *health and reproductive faculties* through such treatment, it becomes useful for all students of the *French practice* to show the impropriety and evil consequences of an incomplete practice, and to impart, in a proper manner, the safe and judicious mode. For it is conceded by all who have considered this subject that it is proper and often urgent, at times, to remove *obstructions* of the female *menstruations* when the condition or health of the female is such that to bear offspring would result in disastrous consequences; and certainly it cannot be wrong, in such cases, to take a step in time, and prevent the conception taking place. It is also true that many of us are subjected to trying complaints and disease that can not be cured, nor even treated, during a state of pregnancy; but are of such a terrifying and appalling nature that, if not at once removed by constant care, would terminate the life of the victim, and in case of offspring the ailment would descend in fresh life to the child. The *Pelvis* in many females is so deformed that it is impossible for them even to produce live children, while some, in this condition, are sure to die if a child is allowed to develop within the womb to the stage of five months.

There are also many unfortunate females that are attended through life with ill health and *female weaknesses*, and many are caused by excessive child-bearing, which is liable to terminate their lives at each successive confinement; while others are of such limited circumstances in life, and also possessed of a comparatively large number of children, that further additions of offspring would reduce the whole to misery and want.

It therefore is not denied by physicians, where persons are surrounded by such circumstances, that it is a medical necessity that they avoid conception and remove all *obstructions*, at each a period, and in such conformity to the laws of nature, as to be not in the least injurious. It is truly said that marriage is ordained by the God of creation, and that the associations or copulation of the sexes in wedlock is essential to health and nature, and to abstain from this law is attended with revolting consequences. Also the enjoyment or gratification dealt out in this state, being a part of that relation are not to be avoided, but necessarily essential. Hence conception is not avoided by abstinence—for this would be an extreme—a folly and a sacri-

force of nature, and a method that would not be observed. Some persons are disposed to hold that conception should be avoided by abstinence, but the masses will not submit to such a restriction, and could not without the greatest harm attending them. It is also inconsistent to maintain that the demand of nature can be slighted and denied without giving birth to unthought of practices, obscene indulgences and pollutions which would lead to family discord and bodily decay. But still it shall be my purpose to leave such considerations to the candid discretion of my reader, allowing myself to go no further than to disclose the impracticability of the *old method* now generally in use, and to maintain the propriety of a natural and unexceptional treatment in cases of necessity, so popular and successful is our school of medicine.

It is known to physicians and their immediate patients only, that it is the practice in case of a female with a deformed *Pelvis*, and in all those cases where it is impossible for a mother to give birth to her child and live, to produce an abortion. This practice is universal, and was in France, as laid down *Chailly's Midwifery*, before the development of the new system of treatment, and the reasons were good, as it was better to loose the foetus than to sacrifice the child and mother too, which would be the inevitable case if gestation continued. Hence we see at once that in all those frequent cases it would be advisable to understand the means of preventing conception, or in case of obstruction, of properly calling the immediate return of the *monthly flow* and restore nature to her customary channel, than to undergo the ills and injurious consequences of producing an abortion, which I consider at all times so injurious as to be avoided, if possible, and to be undertaken only at the instance and suggestion of *responsible physicians*, solely where the preservation of the life of the mother demands it. The fact is, if married females would understand the natural and proper means of keeping their periods regular, at all events, and also of preventing any risk of conception taking place, if they so choose, there would be none of the many abortions so frequently produced among them, and they would see merrier and happier days—for, notwithstanding all, many of our sex are so constructed and designed, that we will place our lives almost at stake to avoid a continuation of pregnancy, and it is for us to say whether we will understand the plain unerring system of removing all obstructions, irregularities and suppressions of the female menstruation, though the same may be of long duration, thereby reinstating the *monthly flow* in regularity, and of the method of ensuring prevention of conception at our will—or whether we will allow the evil to advance to such a degree, that an abortion will be the only alternative laid down by our physician.

The "French system," so called, of preventing conception, and for removing all pains, irregularities, suppressions, obstructions, and delays, arising from whatever cause, in the female menstruation is the result and development of very recent investigations made by the learned doctors and physicians in the dispensaries in France. So cruel, imperfect and detrimental was the old rough ineffectual mode practiced as a preventive and for removing obstructions, that these medical men were determined, if possible, to bring to light a system which should accord with nature and with the delicate constitution of woman. Their laborious anatomical researches resulted in developing an entire new code, and a system that smiles upon women with lasting good, imparting the most beneficial and vigorously advantages to the married couple.

This discovery, or French system, was at once embodied in the French medical books, and has always been regarded as one of the brightest achievements in French medicine.


Because of its recent origin, and owing to the great neglect of the American people in becoming acquainted with a thorough knowledge of these sexual matters, this French system is comparatively in its infancy in the United States. People in this country are too liable to blush at a knowledge of their own being in these matters, and will oftentimes affect to shun them, from feigned decorum, while in France a discovery of anything pertaining to these matters, would be sought after and embraced by all as essential knowledge for their happiness and well-being. Should ladies blush to understand and know their own being in all its wonderful and interesting workings and intricacies? To fully understand these things is to understand how to be able to keep these members healthy and free from female weaknesses and disease—thus maintaining a healthy appearance and complexion to the face, which preserves woman in a healthy, prominent and sweet appearance, as nature designated her.

The newly revised "Printed Instructions" fully comprise the "French System" of preventing conception and removing all obstructions, together with timely hints to married people. It has been the aim of the Authoress to present in these "Printed Instructions," not only the "French System" of preventing conception and removing all obstructions, complete, but to lay before the reader a book of such knowledge and instruction as young married ladies do not possess, from want of experience and such advice and treatment as but few married ladies of experience are in possession of. For instance: many young married ladies find themselves destitute of any sexual feeling whatever, which renders association to them difficult and offensive, and in time introduces serious ailments unless the proper treatment is adopted; while others find themselves with so strong a Hymen or with a partial obstruction in the entrance of the Vagina, producing a painful, sensitive and irritable feeling, causing great nervousness, that it is almost, if not wholly impossible, for them to associate, and extremely hurtful and injurious to the Genital organs. Unless proper care be taken with the simple treatment to obviate the difficulty and expel the nervousness and pain arising from the association, the powers of amative and sexual feeling would soon be utterly destroyed, resulting in unpleasant dissatisfaction.

tion, dislike and disgust. There are very many curious impediments and little obstructions, and difficulties to many new beginners in these matters, which are too numerous to mention, and, if properly treated in the outset are easily obviated, but unless the parties do submit, such ailments and unnatural conditions to the proper treatment, they will in time find, that the marriage relation may be attended with painful realities and dissatisfaction, as well as with perennial sunshine, affection and love. The "Printed Instructions" are therefore designed to meet the many wants of those, both male and female, so frequently ignorant of the nature and responsibilities of Married Life, treating on the imperfections arising in these matters, besides giving and minutely explaining the "French System" of preventing conception and removing all obstructions, including an Essay pointing out the state of immediate conception, &c., &c., &c.

The Authoress revises her books as often as new information comes to light, thereby keeping them constantly reliable and authentic.

It is due from me to the public, that I in this circular again express my gratitude for their generous and appreciative liberality, who have highly rewarded me for all my acquisitions in this branch of study, by purchasing my Printed Instructions and advice in these matters—which, from the very great increase of the number of my patrons and applicants, I now sell at the following reduced prices:

 The newly revised "Printed Instructions" on the healthy and natural means of *Preventing Conception*, under the *French system*, under the direction of which females are able, with entire ease, and without the use of drugs or preparations, to keep their periods regular, with certainty in any event, ensuring a prompt and reliable menstruation, avoiding any risk of conception taking place, thus being able to regulate the numbers of their families to their convenience and circumstances in life, and to successfully control the reproductive functions by aid of this mild, natural and invariably effectual system; all of which "Printed Instructions," with advice thereto, together with an Essay giving useful and valuable hints to married people, may be had of the Authoress. (For price see * below.)

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Her newly revised "Printed Instructions," with advice thereto, for removing all obstructions, pains, irregularities and suppressions of the female menstruations, and for immediately reinstating a vigorous and healthy return and flow of the monthly period, under the "French system," comprising an Essay pointing out reliable means by which the state of immediate conception may at once be detected by all females, in which condition, especially during the first four months, the possession of these "printed instructions," and a compliance with the healthy and natural course laid down therein, will be invaluable to the purchaser and secure to her all that she desires in such a natural and proper manner as will be entirely consistent to her state. (For price see *.)

A female that would be prudent, and "take a stitch in time that will save nine," cannot allow herself to be without these valuable and suggestive productions, when a little money will buy a complete and full set of them of the Authoress. "*Woman know thyself!*"

She treats with marked success, under the French Practice, all female weaknesses, complaints and infirmities, and feels herself thoroughly acquainted in the multiplicity of branches pertaining to all topics growing out of the subjects of her works, and those desiring to consult her on any matters thereto, will please enclose to her one dollar, for advice, stating minutely the substance desired, whereupon she will write to them at length, giving hints, advice, instructions and directions as may best seem proper.

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Those who would obtain the *Membraneous Envelope*, the *Apex Envelope*, the *French male safe*, *Condoms*, *Caps*, and the *womb veil*, to use as preventatives of conception, can procure a good imported French article at the following rates. I sell no American manufacture, as I deem them comparatively imperfect, while they are almost, if not quite, as expensive as the best French goods. These are of French invention, and to be practicable, requires the skill and material of the French to manufacture them.

There are occasions in married life when they are required to be worn as an anti-conception article, and for the prevention of disease and when parties are absent from their usual conveniences at home, or without the natural means of prevention, as laid down in my "Instructions."

Price current from the Authoress, importer of the best French manufacture.

The Membraneous Envelope.—For prices see ** below.
This is the most practicable artificial means known, and is prepared from the bladder of a fish caught in the Rhine. It is so flexible and silky in texture, and such a perfect conductor of electricity and magnetism, allowing the combined action of the alkalies and acids in the act of coition, that the male nor female can seldom distinguish its presence. And although it is so extremely thin and fine in its texture, it is nevertheless the strongest article known, and cannot break during the act.

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The Womb Veil, consists of an india rubber contrivance which the female adjusts before connection in the vagina, and which spreads a thin tissue in front of the mouth of the womb so as to prevent the contact of the male semen. Its principal advantage is no more than that of the *membraneous envelope*, but is too expensive to be really useful. It is used principally by those wives who object, contrary to the wishes of the husband, to having offspring, and is a successful thing. For prices see ** below.

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Apex Envelope, \$2.75 per dozen, \$1.50 per half dozen. *French Male Safe*, \$4.00 per dozen, \$2.25 per half dozen, \$1.35 per quarter dozen. *Goat Skin and Bladder Condoms*, \$3.75 per dozen, \$2.00 per half dozen, \$1.25 per quarter dozen. *India Rubber Condoms*, \$3.50 per dozen, \$2.00 per half dozen, \$1.25 per quarter dozen. *Rubber Anti-conception Caps*, \$2.75 per dozen, \$1.50 per half dozen, 90 cents per quarter dozen. The above prices are for the best goods. We will sell no cheap and inferior goods such as are advertised in papers and flood many stores throughout our towns, which are almost worthless and often sold for a song. Those who buy such miserable goods are very extravagant and imprudent. "Buy the Best," and do not throw away your money, (if you will use these artificial modes as preventatives,) for poor goods that cost money but render no service.

~~Those~~ Those who have used other goods, but desire to test these, can now be accommodated under the following arrangement, by which they can judge and decide for themselves. Therefore,

* ~~To those desiring samples of the above different goods we will send one of each for samples—being six in all—for \$2.00.~~ Also one of any kind will be sent for 65 cents.

Persons buying by the half or whole dozen always get the best goods, as the packages are unbroken and the goods will last until you are satisfied. A husband and wife should never have a stock on hand of less than six, for then they are endowed for a long time, and the more you have the longer in proportion each one will wear, as you will see by the directions for their proper and economical preservation. It is still more economical to have a dozen to use from.

Purchasers will also observe that all the above prices are at *wholesale* rates, and that no profit is made except in the small quantities, so that where you buy one half or a whole dozen you get the goods, except the first one fourth dozen, at what they cost me. Thus on the quarter dozen you do not pay a *retail* but simply a *wholesale* cost, and not even a wholesale cost on the one half or whole dozen. The *Womb Veil* is sold for five \$, two for nine \$, three for twelve \$ and seventy-five cts, four for sixteen \$. The *Membraneous* and *Apex Envelopes*, *Male Safes* and other goods occupy so little room and are put up in such a form that a dozen cannot be detected in an *ordinary letter*, and we send them *pre-paid* through the mail on receipt of the price and one three cent stamp in such a disguised manner that no one can detect or suppose the contents of the letter. This is to our interest, as our patrons wish no one to be able to detect or understand the letter.

The "Printed Instructions" are also pre-paid and carefully sealed, as are all letters, with patent French sealers. Those desiring either of the sets of "Instructions" or goods will please remit in current funds on Eastern banks, or in United States Treasury notes, (the Treasury notes preferred) giving in a legible manner your name, post office town, county and state.

On receipt of the money with one three cent stamp, in amounts as affixed to the above specified rates for "Instructions" and goods, the articles ordered will be promptly forwarded by *returning mail*, properly put up and carefully sealed, to the proper party.

A QUESTION ANSWERED. We sometimes receive letters asking if we are still in New York city, saying that if so they desire to send for "Instructions" or goods, &c. Such letters will hereafter be answered simply by enclosing a circular to the inquirer. Such letters, however, are unnecessary, as we are permanently located in this city, and constantly attending to the business.

We take great pride in promptly filling orders, that they may leave the city in the next returning mail without fail. All orders reaching the city in the morning are mailed in time for the evening mails; and those reaching the city in the evening mails are filled and mailed the following morning. All letters for goods or on inquiry, etc., should contain stamp. — All correspondence is *confidential* and the greatest privacy is used on our part in sending letters and articles to patrons.

Address all communications to MRS. M. SIMMONS & CO.,

Station D, New York City.

